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District 11 Superintendent Nicholas Gledich plans to retire this summer.

A painful search for answers

Florida Gov. Scott on shooting: 'We want to make sure this never happens again'

BY CHARLES RABIN, MARTIN VASSOLO AND DANIEL CHANG
Miami Herald

PARKLAND, FLA. • The questions from a grieving community have been heard before. So, too, have the strong statements from elected officials, and the tales of selfless heroism in the face of danger — even a few of the chilling details about the killer.

In the strangely familiar aftermath to the deadliest high school shooting in American history, which erupted Wednesday at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High in Parkland, parents, police, students and teachers faced some of the same questions as those who came before them.

How did everyone miss the signs that the shooting suspect was deeply troubled, especially given his ominous postings to social media? And what could be done to prevent such a tragedy from happening again?

This was America's 17th school shooting this year, and Florida Gov. Rick Scott said he has had enough.

"We want to make sure this never happens again," Scott told report-

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Expressing sympathy
Politicians from Colorado saddened by Florida high school tragedy. "Colorado knows Florida's grief all too well," Gov. Hickenlooper tweeted. **A8**

Sharing his story
A survivor of Columbine and recovering addict warns of the trauma and toll of mass shootings. **A8**

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Sharing stage
Lyle Lovett and Robert Earl Keen will perform together Sunday at the Pikes Peak Center. **D1**

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Wrestling tourney
Nathan Johns is TCA's best shot at a state title, Paul Klee thinks. **C1**

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Rivalry between Shiffrin, Vonn entertaining but polite

MARK REIS, SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Mikaela Shiffrin of the United States reacts after completing her second run to finish in fourth place at the women's slalom event Friday at the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Frida Hansdotter of Sweden won the slalom title. **More Olympics coverage, C1, C5-6**

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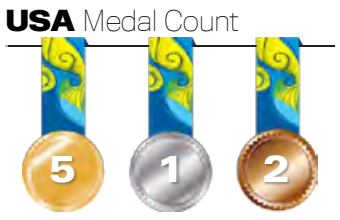
So great.

So different.

Lindsey Vonn and Mikaela Shiffrin both blaze down mountains, but the similarities soon slow down.

Vonn is the take-it-to-the-limit competitor who endures vicious pain in pursuit of world domination. In NBC commercials pushing these Winter Olympics, she proudly displays her scars.

In 2013, I talked with Vonn for a few minutes at a media gathering in



Park City, Utah. She politely thanked me for asking about the state of her oft-injured right knee.

And she succinctly explained her approach to her sport, and her life.

"I thrive on chaos," she said.

Shiffrin is a technician who prepares with borderline obsessive attention to detail. She avoids the party life and travels the world under the guidance of her mother/coach.

Shiffrin thrives on control.

A few days before Shiffrin won slalom gold in the 2014 Sochi Games, she talked with reporters about her philosophy. She was 18, but exuded the wisdom of an ancient woman.

"I like the painful process of realizing you're not where you want to be yet," she said. "It's gotten me to where I am."

Yes, there's a rivalry between

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Benefits extended for Flick's family

Insurance covered for up to a year

BY RACHEL RILEY
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Dependents of El Paso County employees killed on the job, including slain sheriff's Deputy Micah Flick, will continue receiving health insurance for up to a year at no cost, the board overseeing benefits decided unanimously Thursday.

How to help
A T-shirt fundraiser will benefit the families of deputies Micah Flick and Scott Stone. **A9**

Without the change, benefits for deceased employees' families, such as Flick's wife and 7-year-old twin children, would have expired at the end of the month.

"That was great news. It's been a worry for us for over a week," Sheriff Bill Elder said after the meeting. "It does give me some assurances that the Flick family will survive this long term."

With the deaths of three Colorado sheriff's deputies since New Year's Eve, public agencies across the state have grappled with the question of what benefits should be afforded to families of employees killed in the line of duty.

After Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy Zackari Parrish was fatally shot Dec. 31, officials there also changed their policy. The county chose to

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